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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH PRESIDENCY SECRETARY GENERAL EBOUA ON
KOREA AND PUERTO RICO

REF: (A) COLOMBO 2832 (B) YAOUNDE 2863 (C) YAOUNDE 2334

AND PREVIOUS

1. SUMMARY: EBOUA TOLD ME CAMEROON WOULD SUPPORT US POSITION
ON PUERTO RICO, BUT WOULD FOLLOW PRECEDENT ESTABLISHED LAST
YEAR AND SUPPORT NORTH KOREAN POSITION ON KOREAN RESOLUTION.
END SUMMARY

2. AFTER DISCUSSING ASSISTANCE MATTERS (SEPTEL) EBOUA ON
OWN INITIATIVE BROUGHT UP PUERTO RICO AND KOREA. HE SAID
PRESIDENT AHIDJO HAD INSTRUCTED HIM TO TELL ME THAT
CAMEROON WOULD SUPPORT US POSITION ON PUERTO RICO AND
OPPOSE OTHER NON-ALIGNED EFFORTS INCLUDE RESOLUTION
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THIS SUBJECT AT COLOMBO MEETINGS.

3. HOWEVER, ON KOREA, EBOUA SAID INSTRUCTIONS HAD ALREADY BEEN GIVEN BY PRESIDENT TO FORNMIN KEUTCHA TO MAINTAIN POSITION OF LAST YEAR. HE SAID CAMEROON POSITION SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS UNFRIENDLY ACT VIS A VIS US, BUT MERELY AS DIFFERENCE OF OPINION ON SUBJECT. CAMEROON HAD CAREFULLY STUDIED QUESTION AND COME TO DIFFERENT CONCLUSION FROM US. HE ADDED THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO CHANGE LAST YEAR'S POSITION AND MAINTAIN STANDING WITH OTHER NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES. I OBSERVED THAT WE HOPED CAMEROON COULD EXERT MODERATING INFLUENCE ON KOREAN RESOLUTION.

4. IN RESPONSE TO MY OBSERVATION THAT NORTH KOREANS, LIKE CUBANS, ARE CLEARLY ALIGNED WITH SOVIETS, AS SHOWN BY SOVIET-NORTH KOREAN TREATY WHICH EMBASSY HAD GIVEN FORNMIN, EBOUA PHILOSOPHIZED ON NATURE OF NON-ALIGNMENT. HE CAME TO CONCLUSION THAT THERE WERE INDEED SEVERAL COUNTRIES IN GROUP WHICH REALLY WERE ALIGNED WITH SOCIALIST CAMP, BUT TERM MEANT DIFFERENT THINGS TO DIFFERENT PEOPLE ON DIFFERENT ISSUES.

4. COMMENT: COLOMBO 2832 JUST RECEIVE CONFIRMS CAMEROONIAN POSITION ON PUERTO RICO. WITH RESPECT KOREA, IF EFFORT MADE ADOPT STRONGER RESOLUTION THAN LAST YEAR AT UN, THEN IT MIGHT BE WORTH ANOTHER TRY ATTEMPT GET CAMEROON CHANGE POSITION.

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